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At the Court at *WHITEHALL* the 19th of *December* 1684.

Present

The King's Most Excellent MAJESTY,
And the Lords of His Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council.

HIs Majesty minding to secure all His Loving Subjects in Travelling and going about their Lawful Occasions, is this day in Council pleased to Order, and it is hereby Ordered; That all His Majesty's Officers of Justice and others His Loving Subjects, do use their utmost diligence and endeavor for the Apprehending all Robbers or High way Men, to the end they may be proceeded against according to Law; And for the Encouragement of such as shall Apprehend any such Offender or Offenders; It is further Ordered by His Majesty, That such Person or Persons who shall at any time from the day of the Date hereof, till the 19th of December, *which shall be in the Year of Our Lord 1685. and after that day till His Majesty shall please to recall this Order either by Proclamation or His Order in Council, Apprehend any Robber or High-way Man, and cause him to be brought into Custody, shall within Fifteen days after his Conviction have a reward of Ten Pounds for every such Offender so Apprehended and Convicted, and all and every Sheriffs and Sheriff of the respective Counties and Sheriffwicks where such Conviction shall be had, are and is hereby required upon the Certificate of the Judge or two or more Justices of the Peace, before whom such Person or Persons shall be Convicted of such apprehension and conviction, to pay unto the Person or Persons who shall apprehend such Offender or Offenders the reward aforesaid, within the time aforesaid, for each and every Offender so apprehended and convicted as aforesaid, out of His Majesty's Moneys received by such Sheriff or Sheriffs in that County where such Conviction shall be, which shall be allowed unto him or them upon his or their Accompts in the Exchequer; And the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury are hereby Authorised and Impowered to give sufficient Warrants to the Officers and others concerned in the Exchequer, to give allowance thereof accordingly; And it is also further Ordered, That all Lieutenants, Deputy-Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, Mayors, Sheriffs, Bayliffs, and other Officers and Persons whatsoever do take notice hereof, and give due Obedience accordingly, and also be Aiding and Assisting in all things tending to the Execution hereof as they tender His Majesty's Displeasure, and upon pain of being proceeded against as Contemners of His Majesty's Royal Authority.*

Francis Gwyn.

Vienna, December 10. The Council of War meets almost every day to direct the Preparations for the next Campagne, at which the Duke of *Lorrain*, though he is not perfectly re-established in his health, has constantly assisted since his return from *Hungary*; But his Highness will part from hence the next week for *Inspruck* to pass the Winter there. Count *Serini*, General of the Elector of *Bavaria*'s Forces, is still here to adjust several matters concerning their subsistence and security in their Winter quarters; the places assigned them as well as the neighbouring Country, being hardly in a condition to supply them with necessaries, and lying very open to the Rebels of *Hungary*, who in all probability will give them frequent Alarms. It is confirmed that the Turks have taken *Vaccia*: and that the Imperialists have quitted and demolished *Barkan* to prevent its falling likewise into the Enemies hands this Winter; for having no Garisons near it on that side of the River, and the Bridge of *Gran* being broken down, they could not succor it in case of need; But the Garison of *Gran* continues a Guard of 25 Men in a small Redoubt on the other side of the *Danube*, who are relieved every 24 hours in Boats. General *Leslie* has put his Troops into Winter quarters, their head quarter being at *Bellanwitz*; He has given notice to the Gentry of *Croatia* that his Imperial Majesty intends to call them into the Field very early the next year. They write from *Hungary* that the Bassa's of *Buda* and *Agria* have orders to relieve *Newheusel*, and that they are preparing a great Convoy for that purpose; That the Serasquier Bassa has with some Troops repassed the Bridge of *Essecke*, being sent for to *Adrianople*: Before he left *Hungary* he changed the Garison of *Buda*.

Ratisbonne, Dec. 15. The Imperial Commissioners do very much press the Dyet to come to a speedy resolution upon the Memorial they lately presented to them by order of the Emperor, demanding their assistance against the Turks; but many of the Deputies wanting Instructions, nothing has been yet done in this matter. The Imperial Commissioners do likewise call upon the Dyet to take into consideration the Memorial presented to them concerning the Affairs of the Duke of *Holstein*. They write from *Municke* that the Elector of *Bavaria* hath given out Commissions for the raising of several new Troops.

Frankfort, December 17. The Letters from *Vienna* of the 12th Instant tell us that General *Schultz* was broken up from before *Esperies*, the stout resistance of the Garison, together with the coldness of the Weather, obliging him to take that resolution after having battered the place several days with 16 pieces of Cannon. That the Commander of *Vaccia*, which the Turks have lately made themselves Masters of, was a Prisoner at *Gran* for having surrendred the place without making any resistance; But that he lays the blame upon the Hungarians